

Also, since 1960 Kinston has established a policy of larger right-of-way widths in all areas of development. This policy was recommended in the 1960 development plan and has been a major item of concern in approval of residential and other developments so that conformity with the Kinston thoroughfare plan can be made. Close coordination with the North Carolina Highway Commission has been established to insure adequate planning of Kinston's thoroughfare plan.

With its close proximity to the Neuse River, actions for flood control have been a concern. It was recommended in 1960 that a flood control levee be constructed along the southernmost edge of the corporate limits to prevent flooding of the south areas of Kinston. This levee has been partially constructed and has been a major flood prevention factor. The levee covers an area adjacent to the Neuse River from the King Street Bridge south along the Neuse River to approximately the mouth of Adkin Creek. Installment of pumps will protect low income housing areas, sanitary landfill and sewage treatment plant facilities. Flood plain zoning, which was also recommended in 1960, has not been enacted in Kinston. The Corps of Engineers is currently studying flood levels along the Neuse River and its tributaries. Studies will also be made for the purpose of flood plain zoning for implementation via the Kinston zoning ordinance.

Again, as mentioned in the 1960 land development plan, recreational facilities in Kinston are some of the best in Eastern North Carolina; however, intensity of use is still very high. Recreational facilities and programs are expensive and are a major